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Reply To

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OCT - 7 2004

Mr. J. Kris Warren Manager, Treatment Division Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility 3000 Arctic Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99503-3898

RE:

Alternative Bioaccumulation Study Proposal

NPDES Permit No. AK-002255-1

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you for your September 16 letter proposing an alternative study for the bioaccumulation monitoring required by your NPDES permit.

We have reviewed your proposal and concur with your idea to use saffron cod or bay shrimp as a replacement species for the algae *Vaucheria*, which did not grow sufficiently for testing. The saffron cod has been used before for bioaccumulation/biomonitoring studies in your area.

We also concur with the proposal to reduce the number of monitoring locations, due to the fact that most of the species at the site are limited in number. We agree that 3 to 5 locations would be adequate to monitor the area.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Olson, NPDES Permits Unit, at (206) 553-0176 or me at (206) 553-1755. You can also reach either of us at our toll-free number, (800) 424-4372.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager

NPDES Permits Unit

cc: Mark Spano, Water Quality Supervisor, AWWU

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